

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A monitoring apparatus for monitoring monitor information sent from an object to be monitored, comprising:

means for operating said monitoring apparatus;

means for detecting an abnormality in the monitor information sent from said object to be monitored;

means for notifying of the abnormality in the object to be monitored detected by said abnormality detecting means; and

means for displaying associated information about said detected monitor information of the object to be monitored when said operating means is operated after notification of said notifying means.

2. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising means for previously storing the associated information of said monitor information.

3. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising means for selecting the associated information displayed on said display means, and wherein said associated information includes an item for stopping the notification of said notifying means.

4. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein selection of the item for stopping the

notification by said selection means causes stoppage of the notification, and information about a reason of the notification and information about a coping method therefor are displayed on said display means.

5. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein, a plurality of said object to be monitored are present, said plural objects to be monitored are present inside and outside of said monitoring apparatus, and the objects to be monitored present inside of the monitoring apparatus are states of respective units in said monitoring apparatus.

6. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the monitor information sent from said objects to be monitored includes identification information indicative of specific one of the objects to be monitored.

7. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the abnormality in the monitor information sent from said objects to be monitored includes a fault in the objects to be monitored.

8. The monitoring apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the monitor information sent from said objects to be monitored is a video signal.

9. A monitoring apparatus for monitoring monitor information sent from a plurality of external devices, comprising:

means for operating said monitoring apparatus;

means for detecting an abnormality in the monitor information sent from said plurality of external devices; and

means for notifying of the abnormality in the monitor information detected by said abnormality detecting means,

wherein the operation of said operating means after the notification of said notifying means causes stoppage of the notification.

10. A monitoring apparatus for monitoring monitor information, comprising:

means for operating said monitoring apparatus;

means for detecting an abnormality or fault in states of units inside of said monitoring apparatus;

means for notifying the abnormality or fault in the states of the internal units of said monitoring apparatus detected by said abnormality detecting means; and

means for displaying associated information about said abnormality or fault when said operating means is operated after the notification of said notifying means.